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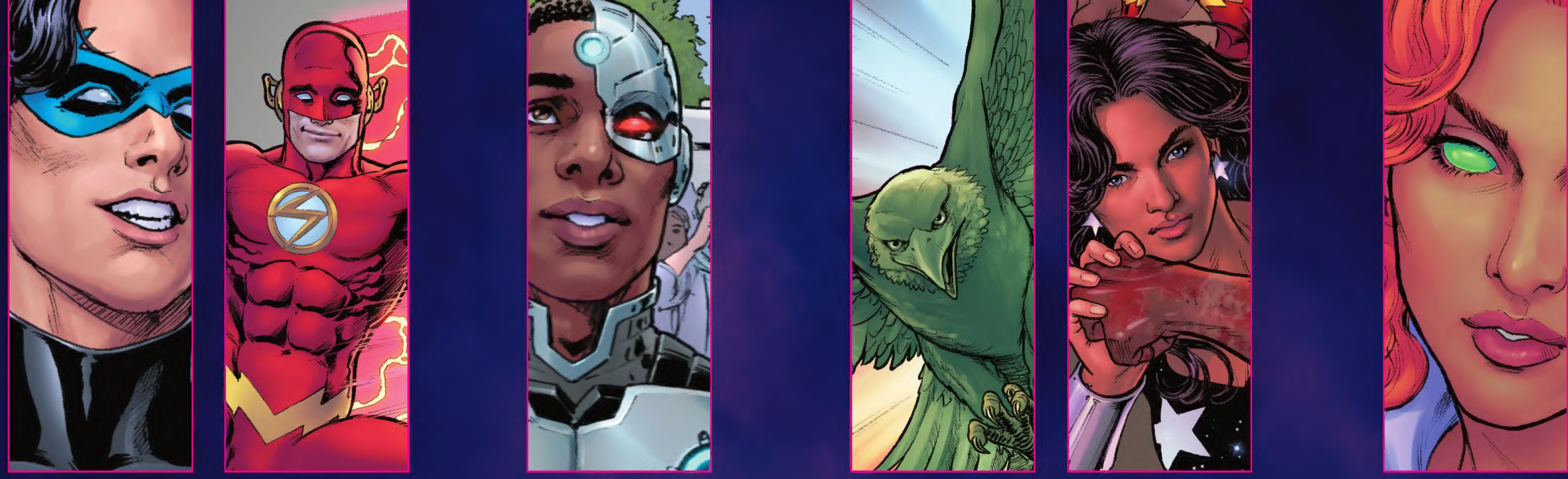

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BANG

I'M THE FLASH.

THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE.

BUT I CAN'T BEAT THIS.

THE BULLET HAS ALREADY PIERCED MY HEART.

NORMALLY, I CAN OUTRUN A BULLET. OR VIBRATE FAST ENOUGH FOR IT TO PASS THROUGH ME.

I ONCE RAN BACKWARDS FASTER THAN THE VELOCITY OF A BULLET THAT HIT ME, SO IT SIMPLY LEFT MY BODY THE WAY IT CAME.

BUT I COULDN'T STOP THIS. I WAS SHOT IN THE BACK FROM POINT-BLANK RANGE. I'M GOING TO BE DEAD IN SECONDS.

I CAN DO A LOT IN SECONDS...

LINDA. IREY. JAI.

I LOVE YOU.

WALLY?

BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO SAVE MY OWN LIFE.

FLASH MUSEUM

MY FATE IS SEALED.

THERE'S ONLY ONE OPTION LEFT TO ME.

I HAVE TO CHANGE FATE.

BANG

NO.

NO... DON'T.

PLEASE.

GAR.

GAR. IT'S ALL RIGHT.

YOU'RE SAFE.

YOU CAN WAKE UP.

RAE?

YES. I HAVE YOU.

OH. I WAS SLEEP-CHANGING AGAIN?

YES.

I'M SORRY.

THERE IS NO NEED TO BE SORRY.

WHAT TIME IS IT?

IT'S PAST EIGHT.

WHAT? WE HAVE TO GO!

TODAY'S THE DAY. THE DAY WE STEP UP. THE WORLD IS ***RELYING*** ON US!

THE WORLD WOULD PROBABLY FIND ME MORE RELIABLE IF I PUT ON PANTS.

YES.

*FOR THE STORY BEHIND BEAST BOY'S EYE HEALING SEE **TALES OF THE TITANS #4!** --BRITTANY

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE HAS DISBANDED. I'VE BEEN ASKED TO LEAD.

BUT IF THE PLANET'S PROTECTION IS IN MY HANDS, I'M GOING TO NEED MY FRIENDS BESIDE ME

I'M GOING TO NEED **TEMPEST.**

GARTH.

NIGHTWING. DONNA.

YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE YOU CAN TAKE OVER FOR THE JUSTICE LEAGUE?

I HONESTLY BELIEVE, ***TOGETHER,*** WE CAN HELP THE WORLD.

THE OCEANS ARE A BIG PART OF THE WORLD.

MOST OF IT, EVEN.

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WERE A TEAM, THE TITANS ARE SOMETHING ***STRONGER.***

GARTH. THIS IS *IT.* THIS IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR SINCE WE WERE KIDS.

DO YOU HAVE *ANY* IDEA WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE SEA? TO MY HOME?

SO MANY HEROES FIGHTING FOR THE WORLD ON THE SURFACE. BUT THE OCEANS DIE A LITTLE MORE EVERY DAY.

I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE IN BLÜDHAVEN, AND IT'S ADMIRABLE.

BUT TRANSFORMING THE WORLD IS A LOT BIGGER THAN CHANGING A CITY.

I'M SORRY. I CAN'T JOIN THE TITANS. I'M ALREADY WORKING WITH SOMEONE.

WHO?

SOMEONE I THINK CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE. SOMEONE WHO CAN DO WHAT THE TITANS CAN'T.

LOOK AFTER YOUR 29 PERCENT OF THE EARTH.

WHAT WAS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW. BUT WITH OR WITHOUT GARTH...

"IT'S MOVING DAY."

BLÜDHAVEN.

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I HOPE YOU'RE READY...

...BECAUSE THE WORLD IS WATCHING US.

GAR. RAVEN. I...WASN'T SURE WHAT YOUR SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE, SO THERE'S A ROOM EACH, IF YOU WANT.

THAT'S PROBABLY FOR THE BEST.

NO.

RAVEN, THERE'S NO WAY I'M ASKING YOU TO--

EXCUSE US FOR A MOMENT. GARFIELD AND I NEED TO HAVE A SHORT TELEPATHIC CONVERSATION.

GAR. I AM HALF-DEMON, AND YET YOU CARE FOR EVERY PART OF ME.

BEING A LITTLE PRESUMPTUOUS THERE.

I PRESUME NOTHING. I'M AN EMPATH. I KNOW YOUR FEELINGS.

YOU WERE SHOT AND ALMOST DIED.

YOUR DREAMS ARE CLEARLY FILLED WITH NIGHTMARES OF WHAT YOU HAVE ENDURED.

WHETHER YOU HAVE TO HIDE OR YOU HAVE TO PROTECT YOURSELF, WHETHER YOU NEED TO CHANGE INTO A MOUSE OR A PORCUPINE WHEN YOU SLEEP...

...WHEN YOU WAKE UP, I WILL BE THERE FOR ***EVERY*** PART OF YOU.

YOU'RE AMAZING.

UM...

WHEN I INVITED THE PUBLIC TO WATCH THE TITANS' FIRST BIG DAY, THIS ISN'T REALLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND.

TO BE FAIR, YOU COULDN'T PREDICT ***RAVEN*** WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION.

IT'S LIKE SEEING A SNAKE TAP-DANCE.

I THINK IT'S VERY ***SWEET.***

UH, SORRY. GOT CAUGHT UP IN SOMETHING.

SHALL WE ENTER?

WHAT ABOUT THE FLASH?

HE'S JOINING THE TITANS, BUT HE'S MARRIED WITH CHILDREN. HE'S NOT MOVING BACK INTO A SHARED HOUSE WITH HIS CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.

THAT'S FAIR.

TEMPEST?

GARTH'S DECIDED NOT TO JOIN US.

WHAT? WHY?

WE DON'T REALLY KNOW.

I'LL TALK TO HIM. I CAN BE VERY PERSUASIVE.

I'LL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE CUTEST ANIMALS AND THE MOST ANNOYING ANIMALS UNTIL I WEAR HIM DOWN.

TITANS!

ORACLE?!

WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY. CATEGORY 5. TRANSMITTING COORDINATES TO CYBORG NOW.

BOOM

MOVING DAY WILL HAVE TO WAIT.

WHAT ARE WE DEALING WITH?

"TITANO IS ATTACKING A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT."

HRAAAGH!

I'M CONNECTED TO THE POWER PLANT'S NETWORK.

THE CONTAINMENT IS BREACHED!

RAVEN. TELEPORT AS MANY PEOPLE OUT OF THE AREA AS YOU CAN.

DONNA. WE NEED TO PUSH TITANO AWAY FROM THE PLANT BEFORE ENGAGING. WE CAN'T RISK A FIGHT LEADING TO MORE DAMAGE.

IF YOU AND STAR CAN--

THAT'S A ***BIG*** MONKEY.

WAIT!

LET ME. STARFIRE SHOWED ME THIS FORMER APEX PREDATOR ON A TAMARANEAN MOON.

AND I MEAN...I JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN I'LL EVER GET A CHANCE TO DO THIS AGAIN.

ROAR!

OKAY. YEAH. THAT'S AWESOME.

TITANS. FROM THE DATA I'M RECEIVING, I'D ESTIMATE WE'RE THREE MINUTES FROM ONE OF THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE NUCLEAR EVENTS IN HISTORY.

I'M GOING IN.

CY? ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN WITHSTAND IT?

THERE'S ALREADY RADIATION LEAKING.

PRETTY SURE. AND IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE AN OPTION.

CHNK

CHNK

CHNK

I CAN CONTAIN THIS.

WE'RE GOING TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE. DON'T PANIC!

AGHHHHHH!

AGHHHHHH!

RAVEN. CAN YOU CALM THEM DOWN?

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

IGNORE THE BATTLING LEVIATHANS AND THE IMPENDING NUCLEAR DISASTER, AND STEP THROUGH HERE, PLEASE.

FT FT FT FT FT FT FT FT FT FT FT FT

OH GREAT.

THIS IS **NOT** GOING TO MAKE THE SITUATION BETTER.

PEACEMAKER.

KILL THAT THING!

NO!

STARFIRE. DONNA.

TITANO IS FAR ENOUGH FROM THE PLANT.

DROP HIM. NOW.

CHOOM

TOOOM

KRA-KOOM

TWENTY MINUTES LATER.

YES, SIR. THE SITE IS STABLE, AND THE APE IS CONTAINED. BUT I STRONGLY ADVISE AGAINST THIS. THE TITANS SHOULDN'T--

YES, SIR. UNDERSTOOD.

UNWELCOME ORDERS?

THE PRESIDENT, AGAINST MY COUNSEL, HAS ASKED ME TO SHARE SOME INFORMATION WITH YOU ABOUT THESE ATTACKS.

GREAT! I HAVE QUESTIONS.

LIKE, HOW DID A GIANT APE SNEAK UP ON A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT? IT'S NOT LIKE THERE ARE ANY GIANT TREES FOR IT TO SWING THROUGH.

NIGHTWING. PUT A MUZZLE ON YOUR CREATURE.

EXCUSE ME?

I REALLY THOUGHT TITANO WOULD BE THE WORST MONSTER WE FACED TODAY.

UNKNOWN FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING TO CAUSE ENORMOUS ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE TO THE WORLD. WE BELIEVE THIS MONKEY WAS WEAPONIZED.

NOW, I THINK WE SHOULD SHUT YOU DOWN, BUT THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE YOU TO WORK FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

NO.

EXCUSE ME?

THE TITANS WILL BE WORKING FOR THE WORLD, NOT FOR THE INTERESTS OF ONE NATION.

THIS IS A ONE-TIME OFFER.

YOUR PRESIDENT IS ASKING YOU TO SERVE YOUR COUNTRY.

IT'S NOT *MY* COUNTRY.

IT'S NOT EVEN MY WORLD.

I WAS BORN IN ANOTHER DIMENSION.

IN MY EXPERIENCE, SUPERPOWERS AND NATIONALISM ARE A VERY BAD MIX.

BUT THERE IS NO REASON FOR ANTAGONISM BETWEEN US.

THE ***EXISTENCE*** OF THE TITANS IS ANTAGONISTIC. DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE WE WILL ALLOW SO MUCH UNCHECKED POWER TO OPERATE FREELY?

WITHOUT US OPERATING FREELY, YOU WOULDN'T BE ALIVE RIGHT NOW.

YOU WERE THREE MINUTES AWAY FROM A MAJOR NUCLEAR EVENT. NOTHING YOU COULD DO IN THAT TIME COULD HAVE AVERTED DISASTER. YOU SHOULD TRY A LITTLE GRATITUDE.

I'M NOT TAKING ADVICE FROM A WALKING SUPERCOMPUTER THAT COULD POTENTIALLY HACK INTO OUR SYSTEMS.

OH, PEACEMAKER. I'M FAR BEYOND ANYTHING YOU CAN COMPREHEND.

I DON'T HAVE TO ***HACK*** INTO YOUR SYSTEMS, I JUST HAVE TO GLANCE THEIR WAY.

WE'RE NOT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE AND I AM NOT BATMAN. THERE'S NO REASON FOR THE USUAL SECRECY AND SIMMERING TENSION.

WE'RE HAPPY TO SHARE ANY INFORMATION WE DISCOVER ABOUT THIS.

YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US.

YEAH. THEY REACTED EXACTLY AS YOU PREDICTED.

THEY'RE GOING TO BE A PROBLEM FOR US, ***WALLER.***

TITANS TOWER.

IF WE'RE GOING TO BE ROOMMATES AGAIN, BEFORE WE STEP THROUGH THAT DOOR, WE NEED SOME RULES.

LIKE WHAT?

FOR INSTANCE, GAR. JUST BECAUSE A GIANT OCTOPUS CAN WASH DISHES IN A CARTOON, DOESN'T MEAN IT'S A PRACTICAL STRATEGY IN REAL LIFE.

I TRIED THAT ***ONE*** TIME.

AND YOU PASSED OUT FROM A LACK OF OXYGEN AMIDST A PILE OF SMASHED CROCKERY.

I'VE LEARNED. I'LL REMEMBER I HAVE GILLS.

NEXT TIME, I'LL WASH THE DISHES IN THE BATH.

I'M ***NOT*** EATING FROM YOUR OCTOPUS-BATHWATER DISHES!

CY...

WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S BLOOD.

NO...

WHAT IS IT?

THE SHOE PRINT.

I KNOW THE TREAD!

WALLY!

HE'S GONE, DICK.

I CAN FEEL IT.

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE HAS DISBANDED I'VE BEEN ASKED TO LEAD

BUT IF THE PLANET'S PROTECTION IS IN MY HANDS, I'M GOING TO NEED MY FRIENDS BESIDE ME

NO ONE MOVE!

AND I'VE JUST LOST ONE

SOLVE IT

THIS IS A CRIME SCENE.

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THEN.

I KNEW THIS TIME WOULD COME ONE DAY.

WE GO ON THREE.

BROTHER BLOOD WON'T BE EXPECTING US.

YOU KNOW HE WON'T BE EXPECTING US BECAUSE A FRONTAL ASSAULT IS A REALLY BAD IDEA?

IT'S DEFINITELY UNEXPECTED.

ONE. TWO. THREE.

TITANS, GO...

...OH.

THEY JUST... TOOK OUR NEMESIS.

CAN THEY DO THAT?

YEAH. THEY ALREADY DID IT.

DEALT WITH THE WHOLE CHURCH OF BLOOD...IN MINUTES.

A PERSON'S MORTAL ENEMY SHOULD BE OFF-LIMITS.

DO YOU THINK, WHEN OUR TIME COMES, THE TITANS WILL BE AS GOOD AS THE JUSTICE LEAGUE?

NO.

DICK?

WE'LL BE BETTER, WALLY.

I *KNOW* IT.

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THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IT. THE TIME OF THE TITANS. THE DREAM REALIZED.

BUT THIS.

NOW. BLÜDHAVEN. TITANS TOWER.

THIS IS A NIGHTMARE.

THE FASTEST MAN ON EARTH WILL NEVER RUN AGAIN.

WALLY WEST, MY BEST FRIEND, IS GONE

WHAT DO WE DO?

WE TELL HIS WIFE. SOMEONE HAS TO CALL LINDA.

I CAN--

NO.

I'LL DO IT.

WALLY...

THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN.

IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS.

THAT WAS A SHORT CALL.

YEAH. LINDA DIDN'T ANSWER...

SORRY I'M LATE, EVERYONE.

HE DID.

OH.

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE NOT DEAD IN A POOL OF BLOOD.

ME TOO, BUD.

I'VE SCANNED FOR ANY EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL SIGNS, AND I'M CONFIDENT THIS WALLY IS FROM OUR WORLD.

I FOUND NO ILLUSION OR MAGICAL PROPERTIES.

I'VE RUN A DNA TEST, TO RULE OUT AN IMPOSTOR OR SHAPE-SHIFTER. IT COULD STILL BE A CLONE...

...BUT MY THEORY IS THIS IS ACTUALLY YOU FROM THE FUTURE.

WITH THE LIMITED TIME YOU HAD, YOU TRAVELED BACK TO GET US TO SOLVE YOUR MURDER BEFORE IT HAPPENS.

THIS IS SO MESSED UP.

THERE WAS MELTED RUBBER ON THE SOLES OF THE SHOES, WHICH WOULD CORRELATE WITH THE COSMIC TREADMILL.

I FOUND TRACES OF WOOD SMOKE AND ASH IN THE SUIT. NOTHING TREATED, SO PROBABLY A FOREST FIRE RATHER THAN A HOME OR ANYTHING INDUSTRIAL.

YOU WERE SHOT IN THE BACK AT CLOSE RANGE. THAT POINTS TO SOMEONE YOU MAY HAVE KNOWN OR TRUSTED.

I DON'T WANT LINDA AND THE KIDS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS...

TITANS!

ORACLE?

WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY.

A MASSIVE BLAST HAS JUST TAKEN OUT A CITY-SIZED PATCH OF BORNEO.

ORIGIN OF THE BLAST?

UNKNOWN. BUT THERE WERE NO METEORS OR PROJECTILES TRACKED.

THE RESULTING BLAZE IS SPREADING AT AN ALARMING RATE.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY SPECIES EXIST ONLY IN THE BORNEO RAINFOREST?

WE NEED TO GO. ***NOW.***

I CAN BE THERE IN--

NO, WALLY. YOU AND I ARE STAYING HERE.

DICK. I'M NOT STANDING BY WHILE BORNEO BURNS.

SO, UNLESS YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP ME...

...WAIT. ***CAN*** YOU STOP ME?

IF I NEED TO.

YOU HAVE CONTINGENCIES FOR YOUR FRIENDS, LIKE BATMAN DOES?

IN A TEAM WITH THIS LEVEL OF POWER, IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE NOT TO HAVE CONTINGENCIES IN PLACE.

BUT UNLIKE BATMAN, I WON'T HIDE THAT FROM ANY OF YOU.

I KNOW YOUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, WHICH IS WHY I KNOW A FOREST FIRE IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF CHAOTIC ENVIRONMENT WHERE SOMEONE CAN GET CLOSE TO THE FLASH.

LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I DETECTED WOOD SMOKE AND ASH IN YOUR...IN THE *VICTIM'S* SUIT.

I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE, AND IT'S LYING ON A SLAB IN THE OTHER ROOM.

IF WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT FATE, THAT STARTS NOW.

NIGHTWING IS RIGHT, WALLY. I KNOW YOU WANT TO HELP SAVE THE DAY, BUT WE NEED YOU TO SURVIVE TO SAVE OTHER DAYS.

AND I'M STAYING HERE WITH YOU TO INVESTIGATE THE BODY FURTHER AND SEE IF I CAN RETRACE THE VICTIM'S STEPS.

I'M THE FLASH. I TAKE A *LOT* OF STEPS.

DONNA WILL LEAD THE MISSION.

I...

OF COURSE.

BORNEO.

THERE IS SO MUCH FEAR BELOW US. SO MANY CREATURES IN PAIN.

STARFIRE. SEARCH FOR ANY SIGN OF WHAT DID THIS AND BE CAREFUL. THIS IS THE SECOND ATTEMPT AT A LARGE-SCALE ECOLOGICAL DISASTER WE'VE SEEN IN A DAY. THE TWO COULD BE RELATED.

GAR...

PEACEMAKER SAID UNKNOWN FORCES WERE ATTEMPTING MASS ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION.

BORNEO IS ONE OF THE EARTH'S LUNGS.

IF YOU'RE TRYING TO HARM THE WORLD, THEN THIS WOULD BE A PRIME TARGET.

I'M ON ANIMAL PATROL. I'LL HERD AS MANY CREATURES AWAY FROM THE FIRE FRONT AS POSSIBLE.

OF COURSE.

CYBORG. RAVEN. WE NEED TO PUT OUT THE BLAZE BEFORE IT SPREADS FURTHER.

ORACLE? WHAT'S THE LARGEST BODY OF FRESH WATER IN THE AREA?

THEY DAMMED A RIVER SEVEN MILES TO THE EAST OF YOU.

BE NICE IF WE HAD SOMEONE ON THE TEAM WHO COULD CONTROL WATER.

TEMPEST TURNED US DOWN, VIC.

HE HASN'T TURNED *ME* DOWN YET.

WE MAY NOT HAVE AN ATLANTEAN SORCERER, BUT WE HAVE TWO TELEPORTERS AND GRAVITY.

OKAY, YEAH. I GET WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.

YES. WE CAN DO THIS.

WE'RE IN SOME TROUBLE HERE!

WE'RE SURROUNDED.

I CAN'T LEAVE THEM.

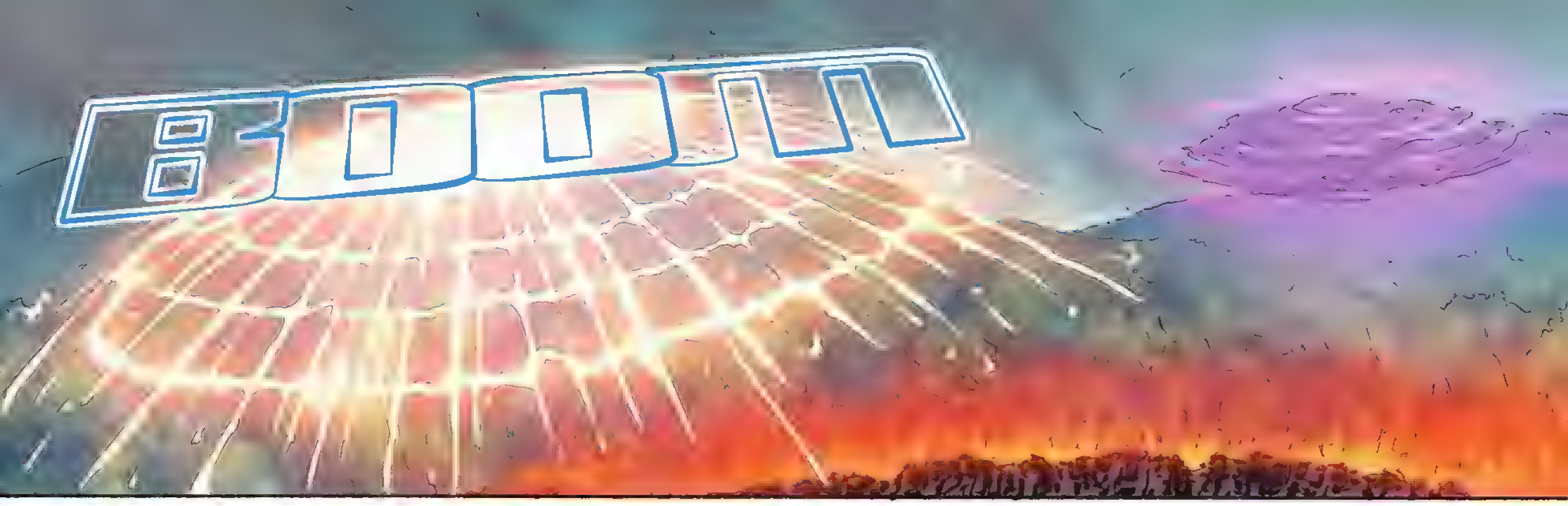
CAN ANYONE CLEAR US A PATH?!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, GAR.

HELP IS COMING.

RAVEN...

BOOM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"...LET'S MAKE IT RAIN!"
PSSSSSSSHHH

TSSSSSS

GAR. YOU OKAY?

NO. HE ISN'T.

I WANT TO KNOW *WHO* DID THIS.

I FOUND THESE. FLEEING AS FAST AS A BULLDOZER COULD TAKE THEM.

THEY'RE PART OF AN ILLEGAL TREE-CLEARING OPERATION.

YOU...

...HOW COULD YOU?!

HEY!

THEY'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, GAR.

THEY DON'T HAVE THIS KIND OF CAPABILITY.

STARFIRE, THE ENERGY SIGNATURE HERE.

I KNOW IT. I KNOW IT VERY WELL.

IT'S LIKE *YOURS.*

THE BLAST THAT HIT HERE WAS *TAMARANEAN.*

LATER. TITANS TOWER.

KORY?

DO WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT NIGHTWING ASKING ME TO LEAD THE TEAM TODAY?

ABSOLUTELY NOT.

IT'S DAY ONE FOR US. AND ALL WE'VE DONE SO FAR IS REACT TO DISASTERS.

WE HAVE A FUTURE MURDER OF A FRIEND TO SOLVE AND TWO MYSTERY ATTACKS TO DEAL WITH.

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR PETTY INTERNAL SQUABBLES. WE'RE NOT KIDS ANYMORE.

YOU CAME UP WITH A STRATEGY TO PUT OUT THE FIRE IN MINUTES, DONNA. YOU'RE A BRILLIANT TACTICIAN.

IF YOU'RE LEADING, I'M *FOLLOWING.*

IT WILL BE NICE TO ALL BE UNDER THE SAME ROOF FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME, BUT ARE WE JUST GOING TO KEEP UNPACKING AND IGNORE THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM?

YOU MEAN OUR DEAD FRIEND IN THE ROOM?

YEAH.

THEY'VE MOVED HIM TO A DIFFERENT ROOM.

OH, THEN THAT'S FINE.

ALSO, YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE DONE MUCH UNPACKING.

IT'S BEEN A BIG DAY. AND I CAN'T CHANGE INTO ANY ANIMAL THAT COMES WITH THE POWER OF MOTIVATION.

BUT I DID UNPACK THE TV.

MY HERO.

...THE WHITEST TEETH ARE JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY.

BUT COMING UP NEXT, WE TALK TO THE NEW BROTHER BLOOD ABOUT THE FUTURE OF ONE OF THE FASTEST-GROWING RELIGIONS.

DID THEY JUST SAY BROTHER BLOOD?!

WELCOME, BROTHER BLOOD.

UH, NO. WE'RE NOT USING THAT NAME ANYMORE.

WHY NOT?

I MEAN, PARTLY BECAUSE IT'S ICKY. BUT MOSTLY BECAUSE WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD NOW, NOT BACK. WE ARE NOW *THE CHURCH OF ETERNITY.*

CAN YOU JUST...DO THAT?

OF COURSE. ALL OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL RELIGIONS HAVE REBRANDED OVER THE YEARS.

SO, YOU'RE BROTHER ETERNITY?

YES. I ADMIT IT LACKS THE ALLITERATION, BUT IT'S FAR MORE FITTING.

HOW HAS SUCH A YOUNG MAN RISEN TO BE THE LEADER OF A CHURCH?

WELL, FIRST OF ALL, I'M NOT THAT YOUNG. I JUST HAVE A VERY GOOD SKIN CARE REGIMEN.

AND I THINK I ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS BY SAYING WHAT PEOPLE NEEDED TO HEAR.

I KNOW TOO MANY RELIGIONS HAVE BEEN CORRUPTED BY MONEY.

TOO MANY HAVE BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT THEIR GODS WANT THEM TO HAVE WEALTH, THAT THEIR GODS WANT POOR PEOPLE TO BE POOR.

THE CHURCH OF ETERNITY BELIEVES IN ALL PEOPLE. OLD, YOUNG, RICH, POOR. WE WANT HUMANITY TO FLOURISH.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE WHEN POLITICIANS AND CORPORATIONS CAN'T SEE PAST THEIR OWN SELF-SERVING, SHORT-TERM GREED TO REVERSE WHAT'S COMING.

THE WORLD IS ENDING.

BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO END WITH IT.

WE KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER HABITABLE PLANETS OUT THERE. WE HAVE ALIENS LIVING AMONGST US. STARFIRE. SUPERMAN.

WE WILL BE BUILDING PROBES AND SENDING OUT CREWED MISSIONS TO EXPLORE OUR OPTIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT BEYOND OUR EARTH.

AND WE INVITE ALL TO JOIN US.

YOU'RE ASKING YOUR FOLLOWERS TO FINANCE ALL THIS. HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THOSE WHO SEE THIS AS A SHAMELESS CASH GRAB?

FROM WHAT I'VE OBSERVED, MOST RELIGIONS ARE SHAMELESS CASH GRABS.

WHILE MOST SELL THE PROMISE OF SALVATION AFTER DEATH, WE'RE OFFERING SOMETHING FOR THE LIVING.

YES, WE ASK OUR FOLLOWERS TO HELP OUR CAUSE, BUT WE ONLY ASK WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD. NO ONE WILL BE LEFT BEHIND.

WE ARE CROWDFUNDING THE CONTINUATION OF THE HUMAN RACE.

WE BELIEVE THAT WILL ATTRACT QUITE A CROWD.

IN THE PAST, THE CHURCH OF BLOOD HAS HAD SOME...RUN-INS WITH THE SUPERHEROES OF EARTH.

LET'S NOT SANITIZE OUR HISTORY.

THE CHURCH OF BLOOD HAS BEEN MONSTROUS, AND GREAT HEROES LIKE THE TITANS HAVE HAD TO STAND AGAINST US.

I UNDERSTAND THERE BEING SOME... APPREHENSION ABOUT US. SOME DISTRUST ABOUT OUR PIVOT HERE IS TO BE EXPECTED.

WHICH IS WHY I'M SO PLEASED THAT A TITAN HAS CHOSEN TO JOIN OUR RANKS.

THIS IS GARTH, A PRINCE OF THE SEAS. BUT MOST OF YOU KNOW HIM AS *TEMPEST.*

OH, WHAT THE ACTUAL HELL?!

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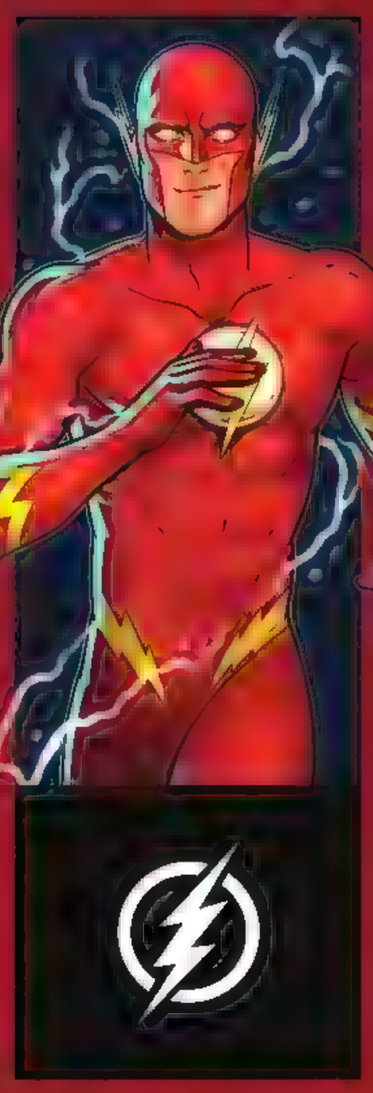

WALLY WEST
FLASH

TITANS

THE CHURCH OF ETERNITY.

SOMEONE IS TRYING TO DAMAGE THE PLANET.

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BZZZZZ

PART OF BORNEO WAS WIPED OUT BY A BLAST THAT APPEARS TO BE TAMARANEAN IN ORIGIN.

AND WE HAVE TO SOLVE THE FUTURE MURDER OF THE FLASH BEFORE IT HAPPENS.

TK TK TK TK

BUT WE CAN'T IGNORE THIS.

NO MATTER WHAT THEY'RE CALLING THEMSELVES NOW, THE CHURCH OF BLOOD IS TOO DANGEROUS.

AND OUR FRIEND HAS JOINED THEM.

AGH!

SHK

HRRRAAA!

SECUR

OKAY. SECURITY HAS LEFT THE ROOM COVERED IN PAINFUL ANT BITES.

AND CAMERAS ARE...

GOOD WORK, GAR.

...DOWN.

CLK

YOUR WINDOW IS LITERALLY OPEN.

SHNK

I GET THAT THE CHURCH OF BLOOD'S LINKS TO TRIGON MEAN THEY MIGHT DETECT RAVEN AND HER TELEPORTATION, BUT I DON'T SEE WHY WE COULDN'T JUST USE A BOOM TUBE.

WE'RE GOING FOR STEALTH, AND BOOM TUBES GO BOOM.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

ANYTHING THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT THE NEW BROTHER ETERNITY ISN'T WHAT HE'S PUBLICLY PURPORTING TO BE.

SURE, BUT IF THEY TRULY HAVE CHANGED, THEN WE'RE JUST TWO SUPERHEROES HEROICALLY BREAKING INTO A CHURCH.

JUST KEEP YOUR EYES OUT FOR ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS.

AND IF WE DON'T FIND ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS?

THEN WE HEROICALLY BREAK OUT AGAIN.

ALL FOR YOU... ALL FOR YOU... ALL FOR YOU...

THAT DOESN'T SOUND GREAT.

EH. LOTS OF RELIGIONS HAVE CHANTING.

I'M NOT A BIG FAN, BUT IT'S NOT INHERENTLY EVIL.

LET'S GO IN WITH AN OPEN MIND.

TRIGON. WE OFFER THIS ONE TO YOU. WE OFFER ALL FOR YOU.

ALL FOR YOU...

ALL FOR YOU...

THAT'S DISAPPOINTING.

ALL FOR--

TNK

TAKE DOWN THE PRIEST. I'LL GET THE SACRIFICE.

THIS IS *NOT* A GREAT LOOK.

THD

IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

INTO THE POOL! HARNESS THE DARK POWER!

SERIOUSLY, I WAS ROOTING FOR YOU.

I WAS WILLING TO GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.

BUT YOU REALLY PUT A DENT IN MY OPTIMISM WITH THE DEMONIC POOL OF BLOOD AND THE HUMAN SACRIFICES.

CRK

WE'RE PAST STEALTH!

TITANS. ON MY LOCATION!

LET'S MOVE.

NO.

YOU CAN'T COME.

DONNA. YOU THINK I'M GOING TO JUST SIT HERE AND--?

WALLY...

YOU ***REALLY*** CAN'T COME. I'M SORRY.

WHAT DON'T I KNOW?

CYBORG RAN A FULL TEST ON YOUR FUTURE BODY.

AND HE CAME UP WITH A TIME OF DEATH.

YEAH. IT'S NOT EXACT. BUT YOU DIE IN THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

I SEE.

WALLY. WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP YOU FROM BEING MURDERED. YOU'RE NOT--

NOT WHAT? NOT LEAPING INTO A DANGEROUS SITUATION WHERE I COULD BE KILLED?

BECAUSE THAT'S ***EXACTLY*** WHAT THE REST OF YOU ARE ABOUT TO DO.

DO YOU HONESTLY EXPECT ME TO SIT IDLY BY WHILE MY FRIENDS RISK THEIR LIVES?

WOULD YOU?

NO.

NO.

NIGHTWING WON'T BE HAPPY.

WE'VE FACED MAD GODS AND DEMONS. WE CAN HANDLE DICK'S DISAPPROVAL.

LET'S GO.

OKAY, YEAH. I GET HOW BOOM TUBES AREN'T STEALTHY.

WHAT ARE WE DEALING WITH?

A DANGEROUS COMBINATION OF UNSTOPPABLE FORCE AND UNQUESTIONING BELIEF.

SUPER STRONG ZEALOTS.

YOU. YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE FIELD!

YOU CAN LOSE THAT ARGUMENT LATER.

WHAT'S THE PLAN?

WE TAKE THEM DOWN. SAVE THE PEOPLE THEY'VE KIDNAPPED. AND THEN WE FIND TEMPEST.

HE'S ALREADY HERE.

WHAT *IS* THIS?

HEY, GARTH. YOUR NEW FRIENDS SUCK.

THEY'RE NOT...

JUST KEEP EVERYONE ALIVE UNTIL WE WORK THIS OUT.

TITANS, GO!

THE BLOOD POOL GIVES THE POWER OF DEMONIC STRENGTH. HISTORICALLY, THIS HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR THE LEADER OF THE CHURCH.

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE RELAXED THAT RULE.

ALL FOR HIM.

I HAVE YOU. DO NOT FEAR.

WE WILL TAKE YOUR WORLD, TITANS!

ALL FOR HIM.

IT'S NOT BLUSTER. THE CHURCH OF BLOOD HAS COME CLOSE TO DESTROYING THE WORLD BEFORE

THIS MUCH POWER OUT IN THE WILD COULD DO SOME REAL DAMAGE

BUT THEY'RE **NOT** OUT IN THE WILD

THEY'RE IN HERE

CHOOM

TOOOM

WITH US.

BROTHER ETERNITY!

THANK YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS.

WHAT HAPPENED?

A DIFFICULT TRANSITION PERIOD.

AND A GROUP WHO WERE A LITTLE UNSATISFIED WITH THE NEW DIRECTION AND THE NEW MANAGEMENT.

THE UPSHOT BEING, I'M PRETTY SURE I WAS ABOUT TO BE SACRIFICED TO HER DAD.

I ASSUME THE CHURCH WILL DO WHAT CHURCHES DO AND INSIST ON HANDLING THIS INTERNALLY.

WHAT? NO. THEY WERE GOING TO *MURDER* PEOPLE. WE'LL CALL THE AUTHORITIES.

NOT SURE WHAT THE AUTHORITIES WILL THINK OF YOUR POOL OF BLOOD.

NO GOVERNMENT AGENCY SHOULD GET THEIR HANDS ON IT.

IN FACT, NO ONE SHOULD.

RAVEN. I DON'T SUPPOSE...?

I WILL DEAL WITH IT. IT WILL NEVER BE ACCESSED AGAIN.

IF THEY'D OVERTHROWN ME AND SEIZED THAT POWER, I HATE TO THINK WHAT THEY COULD HAVE UNLEASHED ON THE WORLD.

THANK YOU, TITANS. HONESTLY.

GARTH, ARE YOU DONE HERE, OR DO YOU WANT TO KEEP BEING A HYPE MAN FOR THE CHURCH OF BLOOD?

THEY NO LONGER GO BY THAT NAME.

COME ON, MAN. AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN THROUGH?

AND AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, WHAT'S CHANGED?

WE HAVE FOUGHT FIGHTS AND WON, BUT THE WORLD IS STILL RULED BY IGNORANCE AND DIVISION AND GREED THAT HAS THIS PLANET ON A PATH TO DESTRUCTION.

YESTERDAY, YOU PUT OUT A FIRE, BUT THAT DOESN'T STOP THE WORLD FROM BURNING.

SO, WORK WITH US, MAN. LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.

NO. BROTHER ETERNITY WANTS ALL PEOPLE TO LEAVE EARTH. I WANT THAT TOO.

YOU WANT TO BE RID OF US?

I DON'T WANT MY FRIENDS TO LEAVE.

BUT I NO LONGER BELIEVE THIS WORLD CAN SURVIVE HUMANITY.

GARTH.

COME HOME WITH US.

HE'S MADE UP HIS MIND, GAR.

HE *HAS* MADE UP HIS MIND. BUT I PROMISE, YOUR FRIEND WILL ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS HERE.

THE PRINCE WILL HELP HUMANITY WITH ITS NEXT GIANT LEAP.

WE WILL BE WATCHING YOU. *ALWAYS.*

WE WILL. AND I CAN BE *ANYWHERE.*

I UNDERSTAND YOUR SKEPTICISM AND YOUR CONCERN. IT'S ALL WELL-FOUNDED.

IF YOU'RE NOT WHAT YOU PRETEND TO BE--IF YOU *HURT* HIM--I WILL BECOME A TAPEWORM AND MAKE YOU *VERY* UNCOMFORTABLE.

TITANS TOWER. AN HOUR LATER.

I SENSED NOTHING UNUSUAL IN TEMPEST OTHER THAN ANGER AND FRUSTRATION.

DID YOU GET ANYTHING FROM BROTHER ETERNITY?

HIS FEELINGS WERE BLANK. STRANGELY SO.

FOLLOW ME. I GOT SOMETHING FROM BROTHER ETERNITY.

WHAT? WHEN?

I'M THE FLASH.

RIGHT.

I SEARCHED THE ENTIRE CHURCH BUILDING IN A COUPLE OF SECONDS.

I FOUND THIS HIDDEN IN A SECRET ROOM AND RAN IT BACK HERE.

WHAT IS IT?

MAYBE SOMETHING HELLISH?

IT IS NOT OF HELL.

IT'S A METEOR.

IT'S GONE.

THE FLASH.

HE HAS TAKEN IT. THEY MUSTN'T DISCOVER...

TEMPEST.

YES?

YOU PLAYED YOUR PART WELL IN TODAY'S RUSE. BUT I REQUIRE SOMETHING MORE OF YOU.

OPEN WIDE.

YOU'RE GOING TO VISIT YOUR FRIENDS.

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WHY DO YOU ALWAYS ASK ME THAT WHEN YOU CAN LITERALLY SENSE EMOTIONS?

SOCIAL CONVENTION, MOSTLY.

TEMPEST DOESN'T THINK THE PLANET CAN SURVIVE HUMANITY.

YES. HE SEEMS TO HAVE A PRETTY BLEAK OUTLOOK ON WHERE WE'RE HEADING.

YOU'RE WORRIED HE'S RIGHT?

WELL, YEAH. I GUESS I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT THE WORLD COULD BE DOOMED.

STAND UP.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

ONCE, I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO SIT ON A COLD BUILDING-TOP AND MOPE.

BUT YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD INFLUENCE, GAR.

LET'S SPREAD OUR WINGS.

BEING THE DAUGHTER OF A DEMON, I HAVE SEEN A LOT OF SUFFERING AND DESPAIR.

IT WOULD BE EASY TO SUCCUMB TO THIS. I HAVE DONE SO IN THE PAST.

AT TIMES I HAVE FELT HELPLESS, USELESS, ISOLATED.

IT'S EASY TO FEEL OVERWHELMED WHEN THE BURDEN FALLS ON YOU ALONE.

BUT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SAVE THE WORLD BY YOURSELF, GAR.

THE TITANS ARE WITH YOU. AND WE CAN BRING ABOUT CHANGE. ONE ACT OF GOOD AT A TIME.

WE CAN...

YOU OKAY? YOU'VE STOPPED MID-PEP TALK.

I FEEL...

"...FEAR."

WHAT... WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WE WANT ALL YOU @#$% HAVEN KIDS TO KNOW YOU'RE NOT WELCOME IN *OUR* NEIGHBORHOOD.

DON'T SCREAM.

DON'T SCREAM?

LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN FOLLOW YOUR OWN ADVICE.

WHO'S THERE?

RRRRRR...

WHAT THE HELL?

AAAAAGH!

RAARGHH!

DON'T SCREAM! DON'T SCREAM!

AAAAAGH!

THAT'S IT. KEEP RUNNING.

WHAT...

...THE--

YOU OKAY?

WHERE DID THEY GO?

COMMISSIONER SAWYER. SOME GUYS JUST APPEARED IN ONE OF THE HOLDING CELLS.

MORE? *SERIOUSLY?*

COMMISSIONER SAWYER

I'M SURE RAVEN WILL BE ALONG SOON WITH AN EXPLANATION.

SURE. BUT SHE NEEDS TO START ATTACHING A NOTE, OR SOMETHING.

BEAST BOY! WOW. YOU'RE AMAZING.

HEY, THANKS.

WE HAVE THREE CATS. I'M GOING TO PAINT THEM ALL GREEN FOR *YOU!*

DON'T... DON'T DO THAT.

IF YOU COULD FOLLOW UP WITH A REPORT AT BLÜDHAVEN P.D., THAT WILL BE THANKS ENOUGH.

ONE ACT OF GOOD AT A TIME.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO START?

TITANS TOWER.

I'VE SCANNED THE MARKINGS ON THE METEOR.

THEY APPEAR TO BE...

BIOLOGICAL.

WE HAVE MYSTERIOUS TAMARANEAN BLASTS WREAKING DESTRUCTION, AND NOW WE HAVE A METEOR THAT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING ALIEN HITCHED A RIDE ON IT.

DICK. YOU HAVE A THEORY?

MAYBE.

EXCUSE ME, EVERYONE.

GAR WOULD LIKE A WORD.

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THE WORLD.

WELL, WE PUT OUT A FIRE. BUT THE FOREST IS STILL GONE.

IS THIS ALL THE TITANS ARE GOING TO *DO?* FIGHT THE SYMPTOMS?

NO. NOT WITH THE POWER WE HAVE AT HAND. NOT WITH THE FRIENDS WE HAVE BESIDE US.

WE CAN DO *MORE.*

EXACTLY. I DON'T WANT TO ONLY BE SEEN AS HEROES WHEN WE'RE PUNCHING EVIL IN THE FACE.

I WANT TO GO BACK TO BORNEO.

I WANT TO LEAD A REFORESTATION EFFORT. WORK WITH AGENCIES THERE.

I WANT THE TITANS TO REPLANT WHAT WAS LOST. AND MORE.

OKAY. WE'LL DO IT.

REALLY?

ABSOLUTELY. AND YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THIS ONE, GAR.

START TODAY.

BUT WHO COULD YOU ***POSSIBLY*** ASK TO HELP YOU PLANT A FEW MILLION TREES?

NOT YOU, WALLY.

THIS AGAIN?

FUTURE YOU DIES IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

DICK. HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TRIED TO STOP YOU DOING SOMETHING RECKLESS WHEN YOUR LIFE WAS IN DANGER?

A BUNCH OF TIMES. THIS IS DIFFERENT.

REALLY? HOW IS THIS BLATANT HYPOCRISY DIFFERENT?

WE'VE ALL POKED AT YOUR DEAD BODY.

YOU TRAVELED BACK IN TIME. YOU ASKED US TO SOLVE YOUR MURDER.

SO, ***SOLVE*** IT. I'M NOT HIDING. UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF SECRET WEAPON TO KEEP ME HERE--

I WOULDN'T SAY I'M A SECRET WEAPON...

...BUT YOU'RE GOING TO *LISTEN* TO DONNA AND DICK, WALLY WEST.*

LINDA?

WERE YOU JUST WAITING FOR THE MOST IMPACTFUL MOMENT TO WALK IN?

PRETTY MUCH.

*THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE **THE FLASH #1!** --BRITTANY

THIS IS LOW.

THIS ISN'T *LOW.*

THESE ARE YOUR BEST FRIENDS GIVING A DAMN ABOUT US AND ACTUALLY INCLUDING OUR FAMILY INSTEAD OF KEEPING US IN THE DARK.

THEY'RE ASKING YOU TO STAND STILL FOR 24 HOURS. THAT'S ALL. AND I'LL STAND STILL WITH YOU.

WALLACE IS LOOKING AFTER THE KIDS.

THE KIDS...

UH...THIS IS A LITTLE AWKWARD, SO WE'RE GONNA GO START THIS THING.

JUST 24 HOURS, WALLY.

THEN YOU HELP US SAVE THE WORLD...

"...STARTING WITH *BORNEO.*"

PUT THESE DAMN PEOPLE IN THE TRUCKS!

WHAT THE HELL WAS *THAT?*

SOUNDED LIKE AN EXPLOSION. BUT NO ONE ELSE IS WORKING THE AREA.

RIGHT. WE MOVE FASTER.

THE TOWNSPEOPLE ARE RESISTING.

OF COURSE THEY ARE--WE'RE LEVELING THEIR HOME.

JUST SHOOT THEM.

WE'RE BEING PAID TO MOVE THEM. THEY *DON'T* HAVE TO BE BREATHING.

THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE *BREATHING?*

YOU KNOW, MY FAITH IN HUMANITY WAS ALREADY BEING TESTED TODAY.

THIS ISN'T EXACTLY HELPING WITH THAT.

FIRE!

BRRRRRT

TINK

TINK

TINK

TINK

TINK

DONNA!

I...

...HAVE...

...THEM!

TNK

DROP YOUR WEAPONS.

NOW.

THNK

CNK

YOU WANT TO GET THROUGH THIS? PICK YOUR GUNS BACK *UP!*

WHAT ARE WE DEALING WITH?

THEY LOOK TO BE MERCENARIES HIRED BY A CORPORATION OR A GOVERNMENT...OR A GOVERNMENT *OWNED* BY A CORPORATION.

THEY'RE NOT JUST REGULAR MERCENARIES!

TITANS!

KRAKOOM!

IT'S THE *DEMOLITION TEAM!*

TITANS TOWER.

HELLO?

GARTH?

SORRY. THE FRONT DOOR KNEW MY NAME AND JUST LET ME IN.

OF COURSE IT DID. YOU'RE A TITAN.

WHAT'S UP?

I SAID SOME PRETTY NEGATIVE THINGS, AND I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE. TO BEAST BOY, MOSTLY.

HE'S OUT. MOST OF THEM ARE.

WALLY IS OFF SOMEWHERE LOSING AN ARGUMENT TO DICK.

SO WE'RE ALONE?

GOOD.

HUUURK.

HMMF!

WHAT'S...?

LOOK WHO DROPPED IN.

I KNEW YOU'D COME AROUND, GARTH.

I HAVEN'T CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT JOINING THE TITANS. BUT I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE TO BEAST BOY.

HE'S GONE TO REPLANT A RAINFOREST. WHAT YOU SAID WAS HARSH, BUT YOU LIT A FIRE UNDER HIM.

OKAY. I GUESS I'LL COME BACK WHEN HE'S HOME.

YOU SHOULD, GARTH.

YOU'RE WELCOME ANYTIME.

GARTH, WE FOUND SOMETHING IN THE CHURCH OF ETERNITY. JUST...JUST BE CAREFUL WITH THEM, YEAH?

I'M BEING CAREFUL. I PROMISE.

I BELIEVE IN BROTHER ETERNITY. BUT I KNOW THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH...

...AND MY EYES ARE WIDE OPEN.

LOCATION: UNDISCLOSED.

WHERE IS THIS?

BORNEO. IT'S LIVE, WALLER. STREAMING FROM A BUNCH OF PHONES.

THE TITANS ARE FIGHTING WITH MERCENARIES. OR SOLDIERS HIDING THEIR UNIFORMS.

THREE DIFFERENT NATIONS CONTROL BORNEO. THE TITANS CAN'T JUST BLUNDER INTO A MULTINATIONAL LAND DISPUTE.

SHOULD I PUT A TEAM TOGETHER?

NO.

LET THE TITANS OVERREACH. LET THEM MAKE ENEMIES OF NATIONS.

LET THE WORLD SEE THE PLANET'S PROTECTION SHOULDN'T BE IN THE HANDS OF A GROUP OF TWENTY-SOMETHINGS.

WE'LL USE THIS SITUATION.

BRING ME THE DOCTOR.

SERIOUSLY? THAT GUY CREEPS ME OUT.

THE DOCTOR, PEACEMAKER. NOW.

CYBORG.

KINDA BUSY, ORACLE.

NIGHTWING IS READY FOR YOU.

I HAVE TO GO.

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A ***BATTLE.***

A BATTLE?

THEY'RE THE DEMOLITION TEAM. THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY HEAVY HITTERS.

TOOOOM

SOMEONE'S CLEARLY GIVEN THEM AN UPGRADE.

YEAH...

I WON'T BE LONG.

BOOM

LET'S MAKE THIS QUICK.

SURE. WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO SEAL ME AWAY FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS?

THE TROPHY ROOM.

I HAVEN'T SEEN A TROPHY ROOM IN THE TOWER.

YEAH. THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE NOT IDIOTS.

KEEPING A LOAD OF OVERPOWERED, MYSTICAL, OR DEMONIC SOUVENIRS INSIDE A SUPER-TEAM BASE HAS--

--HISTORICALLY--

--PROVEN TO BE A PRETTY TERRIBLE IDEA.

IT'S MADE PLACES LIKE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WATCHTOWER AND THE HALL OF JUSTICE A MAGNET FOR SUPER-VILLAINS LOOKING FOR A QUICK UPGRADE.

WE DECIDED TO LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHER TEAMS.

OUR TROPHY ROOM IS WELL HIDDEN, A BOOM TUBE AWAY...

"...ON MARS."

I SHOULD GET BACK.

SOME TROUBLE IN BORNEO?

NOTHING WE CAN'T HANDLE. I'LL SEE YOU IN 24 HOURS. REMEMBER TO STAY ALIVE.

I'LL DO MY BEST.

THANKS FOR AGREEING TO THIS.

A LOCKED VAULT ON ANOTHER PLANET. THIS IS...A LITTLE EXCESSIVE.

NO. THIS IS CAUTIOUS.

IT DOESN'T GET SAFER THAN THIS.

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DONNA TROY
TITANS
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BORNEO.

DEMOLITION TEAM.

TAKE THEM DOWN!

HA!

TAKE *US* DOWN?

WE'RE THE *TITANS.*

YOU'RE NOT A *CHALLENGE.*

YOU'RE NOT A THREAT TO *US.*

KROOOOM

YOU'RE *PATHETIC.*

I WILL *NEVER* UNDERSTAND PEOPLE LIKE YOU.

PEOPLE WHO WOULD HARM THE PLANET WHILE THEY'RE STANDING ON IT.

JUST DIE.

CLK

BAM

TNK

THIS PLACE GETS DEVASTATED BY FIRE AND YOU COME HERE TO MAKE LIFE *WORSE.* FOR *CASH?!*

SERIOUSLY, WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?!

GAR.

THEY'RE SUBDUED.

THE TOWN AND THE PEOPLE ARE SAFE.

IT'S DONE.

I JUST WANT TO FIX THIS.

WE WILL.

AND I KNOW WHO CAN HELP US.

MARS. THE TITANS TROPHY ROOM.

MENTO'S HELMET.

YEAH.

I WONDER WHY HE NEVER USED THE EXTRA INTELLECT OF THE HELMET TO COME UP WITH A BETTER NAME THAN "MENTO"?

IS THAT THE STAFF OF MR. TWISTER?

IT IS.

WOW, THAT WAS PROBLEMATIC.

AND YOU HAVE A QWARDIAN DOOMSDAY MACHINE.

AN EXPLOSIVE, FIERY DEATH, A CONVENIENT BUTTON PUSH AWAY.

I GET THAT THIS IS REMOTE, BUT I'M NOT SURE THIS IS THE SAFEST PLACE FOR ME.

BECAUSE IT'S A ROOM FULL OF WEAPONS WITH ONLY THE DEADLY VACUUM OF SPACE OUTSIDE?

YEAH.

WELL, I PROMISE I WON'T KILL YOU.

THANKS, MAN. THAT MEANS A LOT.

DEET

LINDA?!

NEW YORK.

LEVI KAMEI.

RAVEN?

AND... EVERYONE ELSE.

IT'S NICE TO FINALLY MEET YOU.

SORRY. THIS APARTMENT ISN'T REALLY TITANS-SIZE.

THERE WAS A FIRE IN BORNEO.

I KNOW. I *FELT* IT.

I FEEL THEM ALL. THE WORLD OVER. THE FLAMES. THE FEAR. THE PAIN.

THE GREEN IS DRY. AND IT'S GETTING HOTTER.

YOU WANT THE SWAMP THING.

YEAH. FROM ONE GREEN GUY TO ANOTHER, WE COULD USE YOUR HELP.

WE WANT TO BRING BACK WHAT BURNED IN BORNEO, BEFORE EXPLOITATIVE, GREEDY PEOPLE DO THE USUAL EXPLOITATIVE, GREEDY THINGS WITH THE LAND.

WE'RE HOPING YOU CAN--

THAT'S NEW.

YOUR ENERGY...?

ULTRAVIOLET.

YOUR ENERGY IS *SUNSHINE.*

WE CAN USE THAT.

DEET

DEET
DEET

WE NEUTRALIZED EVERY WEAPON IN HERE, OF COURSE.

IT WOULD BE PRETTY IRRESPONSIBLE NOT TO.

LINDA. CAN YOU--?

HUUURK.

FWOOSH!

FWAP

LINDA.

HEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I TRIED...I TRIED TO KILL YOU. I TRIED TO KILL *ALL* OF US.

I COULD SEE IT. I COULD *FEEL* IT.

IT'S OKAY.

IT'S DONE.

YOU WERE RIGHT.

YEAH.

RIGHT ABOUT WHAT?

WALLY RETRIEVED A METEOR FROM THE CHURCH OF ETERNITY.

THE MARKINGS LOOKED LIKE SOMETHING ALIEN HAD HITCHED A RIDE.

GIVEN THE WAY THE FUTURE FLASH DIED-- SHOT AT POINT-BLANK RANGE-- IT MADE SENSE THAT SOMEONE CLOSE TO WALLY HAD PULLED THE TRIGGER.

COMBINE IT ALL WITH TEMPEST'S RECENT OUT-OF-CHARACTER ACTIONS, AND IT WASN'T A HUGE LEAP TO MIND-CONTROLLING ALIEN PARASITES.

MIND-CONTROLLING ALIEN PARASITES WOULD HAVE BEEN A HUGE LEAP FOR ANYONE WHO ISN'T YOU.

SURE.

I TAKE IT THE PARASITE CAME FROM GARTH?

IT BURST FROM HIM. THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO...

I KNOW. DON'T WORRY. WALLY'S SAFE NOW.

BORNEO.

THE GREEN ISN'T DEAD HERE.

MUCH OF IT IS BENEATH THE SOIL.

WE CAN REPLANT AND WE CAN ENCOURAGE WHAT'S ALREADY HERE.

BUT REPLANTING ISN'T ENOUGH. IT'S WHY SO MANY REFORESTATION EFFORTS FAIL.

THE REGROWTH NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN ITSELF.

WE NEED WIND. SUN. WATER.

WE'VE ALREADY MADE IT RAIN HERE.

AND I CAN BRING THE WINDS. I CAN OPEN A PORTAL TO A HURRICANE IF NEED BE.

STARFIRE.

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

WE NEED YOU TO BE OUR SUN.

WE NEED YOU TO TAKE TO THE SKY...

"...AND BURN *BRIGHT.*"

WE HAVE TO BUILD AN ECOSYSTEM, OR EVERYTHING WE MANAGE TO BRING TO LIFE HERE COULD DIE.

IT'S NOT JUST THE FLORA, IT'S THE FAUNA.

WE NEED TO ATTRACT INSECTS TO THE AREA.

I CAN HANDLE THAT.

DO YOU WORRY ABOUT HIM?

WHEN HE SPLITS HIS MIND ACROSS SO MANY CREATURES AT ONCE?

I DO. BUT WHAT'S MOST CONCERNING IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE DIES. IF A BEE IS EATEN OR AN ANT IS CRUSHED.

HE SAYS HE FEELS IT. A LITTLE PIECE OF HIMSELF FADING AWAY.

BUT IT NEVER STOPS HIM.

"HE WILL BE BEES AND BUTTERFLIES.

"DUNG BEETLES.

"...AND LADYBUGS.

"GAR WILL BE EVERYTHING THE FOREST NEEDS HIM TO BE.

"...AND HE WILL *IGNORE* THE LITTLE BITS OF HIMSELF THAT FADE AWAY."

A DAY LATER.

FLASH! YOU'RE SAFE?

HE SHOULD BE. WE IDENTIFIED AND NEUTRALIZED THE DANGER.

LINDA TRIED TO KILL ME.

THAT'S AWKWARD.

ALIEN-PARASITE MIND CONTROL.

OH, RIGHT. WE'VE ALL BEEN THERE.

AND SHE WAS VERY APOLOGETIC.

I THINK TEMPEST IS IN TROUBLE. AND THERE'S MORE GOING ON WITH THE CHURCH OF ETERNITY THAN WE KNOW.

BUT THIS...

...THIS IS *INCREDIBLE.*

IT'S A BAND-AID ON A GAPING ARTERY.

YOU COULD SEE IT THAT WAY. I SEE IT AS A START.

WE'RE TRYING TO DO MORE FOR THE PLANET.

IT WOULD MAKE A LOT OF SENSE FOR THE PLANET TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE ON OUR TEAM.

GAR'S RIGHT.

I HAVE... RESPONSIBILITIES. I CAN'T--

OF COURSE. YOU'RE THE AVATAR OF THE GREEN. WE'RE NOT EXPECTING YOU TO MOVE INTO THE TOWER AND HANG OUT ON OUR COUCH.

BUT YOU'D BE WELCOME TO, WHENEVER YOU'D LIKE.

I'VE BEEN AN AVATAR FOR THE RED. IT'S A HELL OF A BURDEN. IT'S ALSO OVER-WHELMING AND ISOLATING.

THIS TEAM, THESE PEOPLE, THEY CAN MAKE IT A LOT LESS LONELY.

THIS WAS A GOOD DAY. I'D LIKE MORE DAYS LIKE THIS.

LEVI KAMEI. WE'D LIKE YOU TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TITANS...AT LEAST PART-TIME. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

I'D REALLY LIKE THAT.

THE FLASH IS IN BORNEO.

Ayyash

YES.

HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE *DEAD.*

SOMETHING HAS GONE WRONG.

I HOPED WE'D HAVE MORE TIME. I HOPED TO MAKE THE PLANET MORE HOSPITABLE FOR ITS NEW RULER.

BUT THE TITANS ARE WATCHING.

THE PROBE AND ITS CREW ARE READY. THE ZEALOTS BELIEVE THE LIE.

WE HAVE TO LAUNCH NOW.

IT'S TIME FOR THE HUMAN RACE TO END.

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